

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information received from National Crime Records Bureau is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 190, Annexure No. 26]. Figures for the years 1999 and 2000 are yet to be received from the State Governments.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the seventh Schedule to the constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including Law and Order is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

Issues in Autonomy Resolution of J and K

†1918. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of main issues included in the Autonomy Resolution adopted by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on the ground on which Cabinet has turned down the resolution; and

(b) whether there are no such issues on which a discussion or debate can be initiated; if not, what are the details of such issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Union Government has not accepted the resolution passed by the J and K Assembly as its acceptance would set the clock back and reverse the natural process of harmonising the aspirations of the people of J and K with the rest of the nation and would also reverse the application of constitutional provisions extended to J and K, which may not only adversely affect the interests of the people of the State but would also tantamount to removal of some of the essential safeguards enshrined in our Constitution. The Government is of firm conviction that national integration and devolution of

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powers to States must go together and is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people.

Powers to N.H.R.C.

†1919. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission to provide them more powers to remove the obstacles in controlling the encroachment on civil liberties;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Commission is concerned as it has not received any response from Government on its recommendations;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that a number of States have not taken any steps so far to set up Human Rights Commission; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has sent a proposal suggesting amendments in various sections of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The proposal is being examined by the Government.

(c) and (d) As per available information, the State Governments of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Bihar have set up State Human Rights Commission in their respective States. The State Governments of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh

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